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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Special Activities

SUBJECT : [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

REFERENCE : ORD Memo dated 9 May 1967 - Same Subject,
NRO 25X1A [REDACTED]

1. The reference memorandum requested an evaluation of U-2R performance and operational success against the [REDACTED] while carrying various Configuration 1-4 are [REDACTED]

camera. It was requested that the evaluation be completed by 17 May 1967.

2. It is assumed that this request carries a high priority since the concept [REDACTED] is understood to have originated from the DD/S&T. Therefore ASD/D/R&D has already begun an evaluation and will make every effort to complete an approximate performance estimate of external configurations 1-4 by the suspense date.

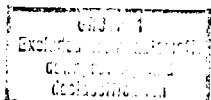
3. Since configuration 5 is an internal configuration [REDACTED]

However, it should be noted that the entire request of the reference is beyond the scope of the existing LAC U-2R work load and any additional priority studies levied by Headquarters at this time may result in program slippage.

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4. Because the reference memo requested operational success, it is suggested that D/O/OSA and DSD/OSI be asked to comment. However, prior to any such requests for evaluation, the U-2R Requirements Review Board should agree that a requirement exists for the U-2R to perform such a role. Furthermore in the case of configuration 5, this would undoubtedly result in a uniquely configured vehicle (contrary to NRO instruction) which might be compromised in its ability to perform the basic U-2R photo reconnaissance mission.

5. As stated above, the evaluation will be undertaken for external configuration 1-4. However, work on internal configuration 5 will be withheld pending guidance from the addressee on the necessary participation to be requested from LAC at this time.

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